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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC *Sack, Johnny, Cabin*

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

*Island Park*

CITY, TOWN

*Big Springs*

VICINITY OF

*Island Park*

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

*Second*

STATE

*Idaho*

CODE

*16*

COUNTY

*Fremont*

CODE

*043*

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <i>Summer home</i>

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME *Kipp Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Kipp*

STREET & NUMBER

*P.O. Box 128*

CITY, TOWN

*Macks Inn*

VICINITY OF

STATE

*Idaho*

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *Fremont County Courthouse*

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

*St. Anthony*

STATE

*Idaho*

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE *Idaho State Historic Sites Survey*

DATE

*1972*

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS *Idaho State Historical Society*

CITY, TOWN

*Boise*

STATE

*Idaho*

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Johnny Sack cabin is an exceptionally well made log bungalow, approximately 20x27 feet in size, with additions in the form of porches for sleeping and entry. Two bedrooms on the second story are made possible by a shed dormer extension to the east. Native stone, laid in random pattern, is used for piers and foundations of the enclosed entry porch. The stone is chiefly of granite material in pink and several shades of grey.

The wooden window sashes employed are varied in size and construction. Most are fixed. Second story end windows are of the sliding variety.

The shapes and overall character of the cabin seem to derive from the prevailing bungalow mode of the period of construction (1932-1934) rather than from German models which may have been known to its immigrant builder, Johnny Sack. The roof pitch, extended eaves, exposed rafters, and chopped gables are all typical bungalow features which can be seen in most small towns in Idaho.

The craftsmanship in wood displayed in the house, especially in interior finish and hand-made furniture, is notable. A planed-bark technique is employed which creates rich and pleasing surface patterns.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1932-1934

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Johnny Sack cabin is architecturally and artistically significant for its distinctive craftsmanship. It is widely recognized locally as a landmark, and generally acknowledged to be the finest building in the Big Springs area of Island Park. It is considered to be the work of a master craftsman, and concern for its preservation has been expressed locally by the Madison County Historical Society. As an example of the bungalow mode applied to log construction the Sack cabin has more than local significance, however, and should be preserved.

The Johnny Sack cabin is a typical vacation house of the period 1920 to 1950. During this period the use of the log cabin motif became popular among rustivating Idahoans seeking peace and tranquillity in the sylvan confines of Idaho's mountain regions. The Sack cabin, with its exquisite craftsmanship, is one of the more remarkable examples of its genre encountered in our state site survey to date.

The log cabin motif with its associations with rustic life became a prime symbol of the roughing holiday seeker as the actualities of pioneer life retreated into the realm of nostalgia. The Island Park area developed as a rather exclusive vacation area as the Railroad Ranch, owned by the Guggenheims and Harrimans, is a part of the region. The Big Springs region of the park, where the Johnny Sack cabin is located, was designated as part of the Federal Forest Reserve in 1906. In the early 1920's land was leased to the Kooch family and a resort inn was built. Later, in the 1930's more land was opened up to the public and it was at this time that the Sack cabin was erected on lease land. The cabin is the most pretentious of the cabins on Big Springs and is picturesquely located on a point overlooking the river.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cultural Resource Evaluation of the Sack (Kipp) Cabin at Big Springs, by Jerry Wylie, Zone Archaeologist, USDA Forest Service, August 7, 1978.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

QUADRANGLE NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM REFERENCES

QUADRANGLE SCALE \_\_\_\_\_

A 

1	2	4	7	9	7	9	10	4	9	2	7	2	5	5
ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING											

B 

ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING											

C 

ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING											

D 

ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING											

E 

ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING											

F 

ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING											

G 

ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING											

H 

ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING											

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Land leased by Forest Service Special Use Permit.

This nomination includes the Johnny Sack cabin in Island Park, Idaho, a structure of approximately 540 square feet which is owned in 1978 by the Kipp Family. It also includes the property, leased by the Kipp family from the Forest Service, on which the structure stands.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Arthur A. Hart, Architectural Historian

24 Dec 78

ORGANIZATION Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

STREET & NUMBER 610 North Julia Davis Drive

TELEPHONE 384-2120

CITY OR TOWN Boise

STATE Idaho

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Merle Wells*

24 Dec 78

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Charles [Signature]*

DATE 4-19-79

ATTEST: *Bill [Signature]*  
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE April 16, 1979

BIG SPRINGS  
RESORT

Fig. 1

Sack Cabin location, Big Springs.

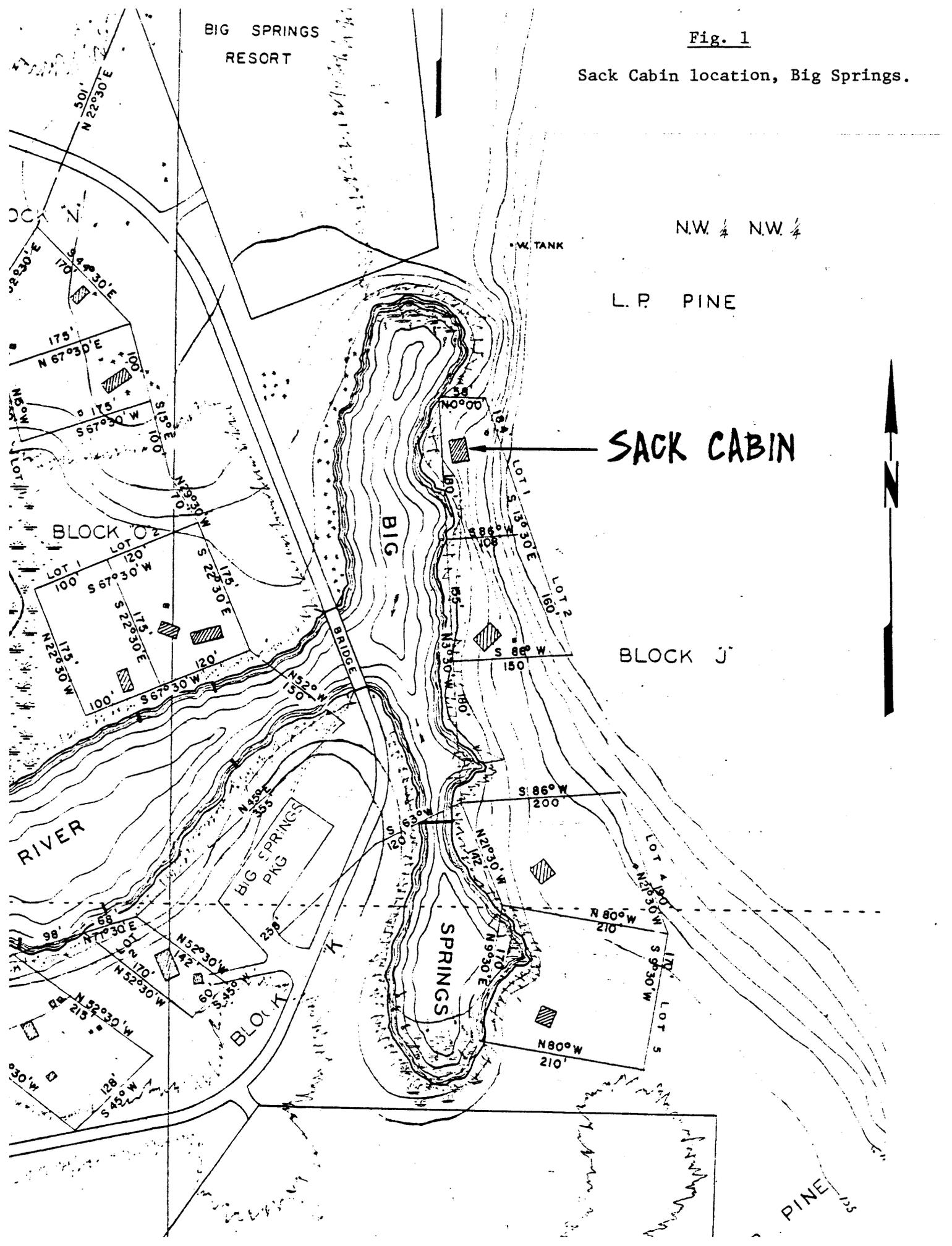
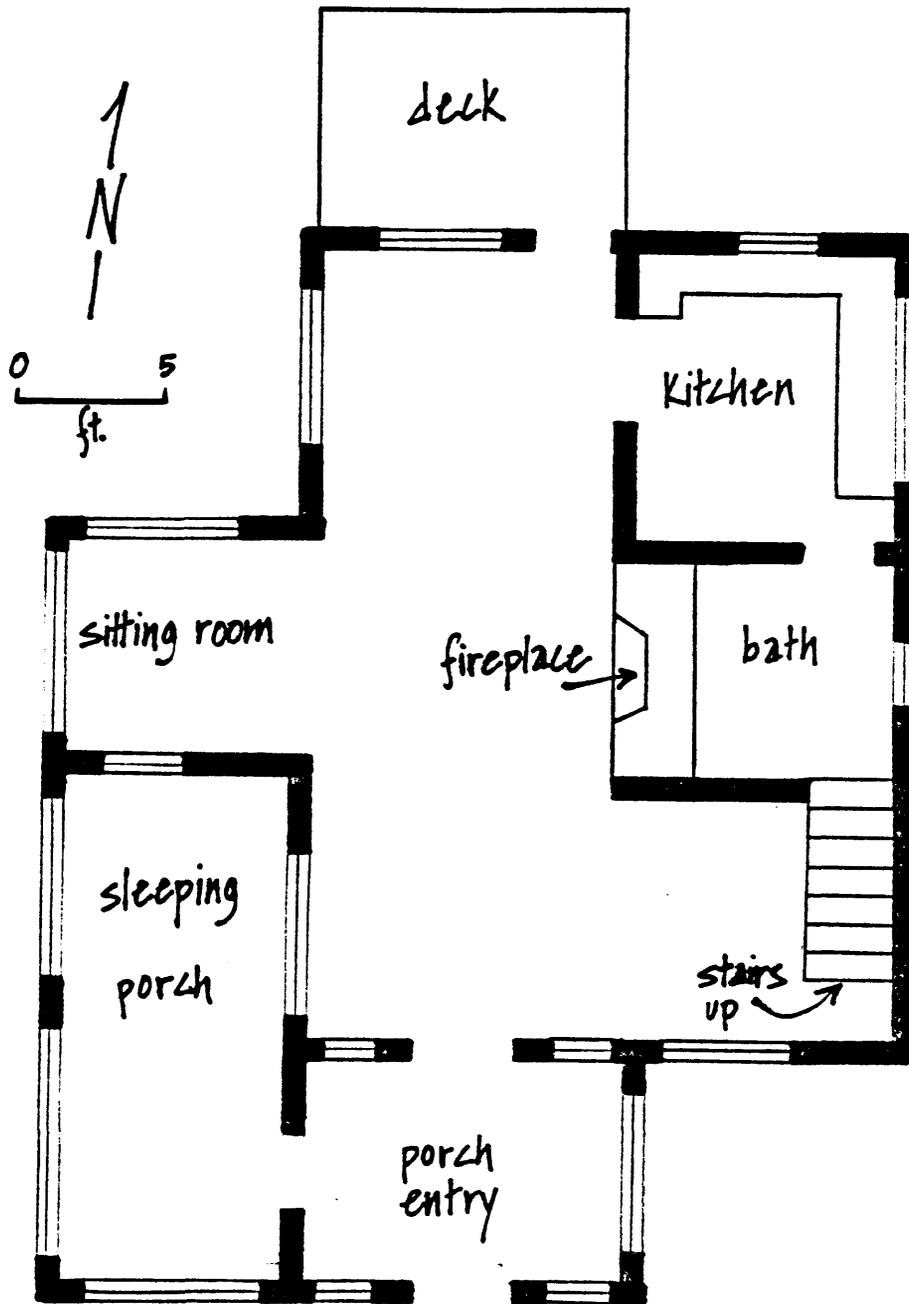


Fig. 2. Ground-floor plan of the Sack Cabin (approximate).



Redrawn from a rough sketch map and measurements made 7-13-78 by J. Wylie.

Fig. 3. Second-story floor plan of the Sack Cabin (approximate).

